

HONGKONG AND THE WEST RIVER.

Shanghai, April 2nd.

The opening of the West River seems likely to be a more drastic measure than at first sight appeared, as it practically amounts to obtaining access to the great clump of islands usually spoken of as the delta of the Canton River. The expression of delta, if intended to imply that these islands are an accretion of the river, is entirely misleading, as the framework is entirely rocky, the islands having existed as long as the river, and only the lower flats here and there can be at all looked upon as alluvial growth. Practically, notwithstanding its proximity to Hongkong, very little is known of the islands forming the districts of Hsiangshan, Sanhsu, Panyu, Nanchai, and Shunchei. Our knowledge of this district has, in fact, decreased rather than the contrary in recent times, since Canton and Whampoa have lost their importance as shipping ports. The despatch from Sir Claude MacDonald to the Governor of Hongkong would imply that the British Minister has taken care to make himself acquainted with the circumstances of the case, as he has stipulated for freedom of passage from the lower part of Samshui, with its dependencies of Kungmoon and Komchuk, to both Canton and Hongkong. This district of the islands of the Pearl River is probably the most fertile and populous in China, and some of its villages rise to the proportions of large towns. Here, as elsewhere in China, the real status of a town is by no means indicated by its official rank. The village, as it is officially ranked, of Siu-lam is, in fact, the commercial metropolis of this district, containing, as it is estimated, 300,000 inhabitants, but it is run closely by many others. The district of Hsiangshan provides a large proportion of the population of Hongkong, as well as much more than its share of the compradors and larger native merchants. The large class of domestic servants in the Colony is also mainly recruited from the district. In spite, however, of this, and the fact that the bulk of Cantonese emigrants to America, Australia, the Sandwich Islands, and elsewhere, hail from Hsiangshan, the people seem always to have held aloof from foreign influence. In fact, the opposition to the opening of Kwangtung Province and the freedom of trade has been more due to the jealousy and classish nature of our Hsiangshan compradors than to any fixed policy of the Chinese officials. Mr. Dyer Ball makes an ineffectual attempt in some notes on the peculiarities of the spoken language of Hsiangshan to arrive at a computation of the population of this one district. The attempt is not very successful, but it would seem to considerably exceed a million people, approaching, if not exceeding, two. Of the topography of the islands we may say that the surveys of Mr. T. Marsh Brown. During the last war British gunboats, indeed, traversed the masses of creeks which inter-act them in all directions, but since that time, except for an occasional visit of a revenue cruiser, they have been seldom or never visited.

An examination of these charts will show that the three stations to be opened in the outer section are all situated on the head of the continuation of the West River, marked on most of our charts as the Broadway. Samshui, as its name indicates, is situated at the junction of the West with the North River; where the former, after leaving the mountainous country of Shihshing and flowing through the celebrated Shihshing Pass, emerges first from the continental country and receives its northern affluent. This latter drains the north of the province as far as the celebrated Melling Pass; across which, in the old days, trade was carried in Canton, used to pass the entire foreign trade of the central provinces. Samshui has thus always been an important centre of traffic as the key of the upper province. Komchuk, in Shunchei-kien, is situated at the intersection of a network of creeks which communicate with the important main of Siu-lam, accounted the most populous town of the entire delta, where centres the principal trade of this rich district, while Kungmoon, as its name implies, is situated where the river begins to open out into an estuary, and where the confluence of islands assumes more correctly the form of an alluvial delta. It is near the mouth of the Sunzi River, a stream which, flowing parallel with the West River, opens a road to a considerable district in the extreme south of the province. These channels, as may be inferred from the description above, are all shallow, and the deepest does not carry more than 8 feet all the way, even at high water. Of recent years they have been traversed by steam-launches making daily, or sometimes hourly trips, according to the tides, and the fact that they are paid by these steamers as being excessive, and trade has doubtless been much hampered thereby, as well as by the multitude of tax stations, for which the innumerable inter-sections of the creeks afforded a favourable opportunity. The navigation of the West River and its approaches will thus require a special type of steamer which experience will doubtless develop as it has done already on the River Yangtze. That the opening will prove useful to Hongkong there is no doubt, but of course, as the steamers will have to struggle to get up the channels which have already proved to be so difficult to navigate, the time is already approaching for the opening of the West River, and it was part of the understanding that the Chinese Government should have the approaches ready by the 4th June. We believe some steps are being taken, but there does not seem to be any special haste displayed. Doubtless, however, our friends at Hongkong are waiting for the necessary preliminary steps to have one or two suitable vessels at hand to inaugurate the new service, which cannot fail to be an interesting one.—*Mercury*.

[We have already reported that the Steamboat Company has now ready for service on the West River two steamers specially constructed for the purpose.]

GOLF.

The competition for the final ownership of the "Captain's Cup," presented in 1896 by Captain R. Murray Ramsey, R.N., has been in progress during the past fortnight and was concluded on the 4th instant, the final being won by Mr. M. Stewart, who, rather contrary to expectation, somewhat easily defeated his opponent, who was certainly out of his usual form, by 6 up and 5 to play.

Result of the competition:—
1st Round.—Mr. Barclay (1) beat Mr. Home (2) by 7 up and 5 to play; remainder byes.
2nd Round.—(1) Barclay (1) beat Mr. G. Stewart (2) by 4 up and 5 to play; Mr. Barclay (3) by 4 up and 5 to play; Mr. Robertson (5) beat Mr. Tomes (1) by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. Tomes (2) by 7 up and 6 to play.
3rd Round.—Mr. Barclay (1) beat Mr. May (2) at the 20th hole. Mr. M. Stewart (3) beat Mr. Robertson (1) by 2 holes.
Final Round.—Mr. M. Stewart (1) beat Mr. Barclay (1) by 6 up and 5 to play.

A new dock is about to be built by a Chinese syndicate in Pootung, Shanghai, below Meiers. Boyd & Co.'s. It is to be called the Fengho Dock Company. Work will commence next week and the dock is expected to be completed in six months.—*Mercury*.

Mr. A. B. Stirling, the able and indefatigable foreign adviser to the Korean Police Department, having proposed to dismiss some 50 men for incompetence, An Wan, the Assistant Chief of Police, "went for" him with an inkstand—An then resigned. We are not told by the Japanese chronicler of this affair whether the inkpot hit the target or hit the stone wall and bounded back on the head of the bellcote An Wan and rendered him completely hors de combat. It is evident, however, that Mr. Stirling "sat tight," kept as cool as a cucumber and succeeded in gaining his point.

We regret very much to have to announce the death, which occurred at 10.30 p.m. yesterday (2nd April), of Mr. W. H. Short, manager of the extensive business of Hall & Holts, Ltd. Mr. Short, who was very much and deservedly liked by all who knew him as a man of wide sympathies and great kindness of heart, was born in 1843 and came to China originally in 1856, his first residence being in Foochow. Two years later he came to Shanghai and went on to Tientsin. There he remained until 1860, when he returned to Shanghai and joined the firm of Hall & Holts, with which he has been ever since connected. His health broke down some three or four years ago, and on Wednesday (31st March) he was attacked by internal hemorrhage and soon became unconscious, remaining so until the end came on the 2nd instant. The funeral took place in the New Cemetery at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday the 4th April.—*N. C. Daily News*.

The following table gives the production of kerosene oil in Japan for the years specified:—

Year	Production (barrels)
1891	55,893
1892	72,893
1893	83,044
1894	138,007

A barrel being equal to 37.75 gallons, the output for 1894 amounts to 5,081,056 gallons, while the import of kerosene in the same year was 49,763,399 gallons.

In a recent leader the *North China Daily News* sets out a scheme for the much-needed improvement of the Whangpoo, or Shanghai, River. The article in question seems to have given considerable satisfaction to property owners in the Model Settlement, and one of them, Mr. Douglas Jones to wit, addressed the *Daily News* on the 1st instant on the subject as follows:—

Sir,—I read with pleasure the admirable leader in your issue of this morning on the above subject, and would like to say in connection therewith that should some such scheme as you sketch for the conservation of the river be carried out, I for one, as a property owner here, would cheerfully contribute my quota towards the expense of the undertaking, believing it to be a matter of the greatest importance to the community generally.

THE GERMAN COMMERCIAL MISSION.

DR. KNAPPE INTERVIEWED.

Dr. Knappe, late German Consul for Hongkong, and now President of the German Trade Commission to China, courteously informed a *Telegraph* reporter to-day in the course of an interview that the party will leave for Shanghai on Thursday next and then, as time allows, visits will be made to the various ports on the Yangtze. The Commission will also pursue its investigations at Chefoo and Tientsin, and if suitable arrangements are made a call will also be made at Peking. The scope of the Commission will be much the same as the various English and foreign commissions that have been sent abroad from time to time, with a view of developing trade.

Dr. Knappe said "It is now to be assumed that the trade of China will increase as her people are becoming more enterprising and are appreciating European markets and manufactures. Of course, we don't wish to improve our trade to the detriment of other countries, but if there is any advantage to be reaped in China it is only fair that we should have our share of it. It is extremely difficult to say what will be the result of the work of the Commission, but we fully realize that in these days there is no standing still in trade. A country must either go ahead or go backwards." The distinguished official went on to explain that special attention would be paid to the matter of securing markets for German goods.

Dr. Knappe is, no doubt, especially well adapted for his post and he has travelled considerably in China, one of his journeys being to Peking, whence he marched to Nanjing and thence via Wuchow to Canton. The following is the complete list of members of the Commission:—Dr. Knappe (president), Dr. Schumacher (secretary), Mr. M. Schaut (piece goods manufacturer), Mr. Max Goerz (cotton manufacturer), Mr. F. Hartig (woollen trade), Mr. F. Kruse-Wickmann (metal trades), Mr. Reinhardt (leather goods), and Messrs. A. Torres, A. Kussman, and Kross (dye manufacturers).

PRESENTATION AT CANTON.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—An interesting ceremony took place here a few evenings ago when the members of the out-door staff of the Customs assembled to present an address and souvenirs to their chief, Mr. Hildes, who during his term of office as Harbour Master here seems to have made himself highly popular with all who have had the pleasure of serving under him. Mr. Hildes goes on a well-earned holiday, and both he and his wife will be much missed by the several sections of our small community. The presentation took the form of a handsome piece of blackwood furniture, and the address, written on silk in the form of a scroll, ran as follows:—

"To A. HILDEN, Esq.,
We, the undersigned, members of the out-door staff of Customs at the port of Canton, beg to request your acceptance of the accompanying blackwood cabinet as a token of our respect and esteem. It is a piece of furniture of great capacity, kind-hearted and hospitable in your life, your sterling qualities have endeared you to us all, and our deep regret at your departure is only tempered by the knowledge that you are leaving us to enjoy a well-earned rest in your native land. We all unite in bidding you and Mrs. Hildes 'God-speed' upon your voyage home, and wishing that all happiness and prosperity may attend you both through life." (Here followed signatures.)
Mr. Hildes will be followed by Captain Cocker, an equally popular officer of the Customs Service.

It is reported that Prince Kung will proceed from Peking to Tientsin in a few days to formally open the Tientsin-Peking Railway.

It is (says the *N. C. Daily News* of the 2nd April) reported that very favourable news was received by the Shanghai-Lankat Co. yesterday and the shares rose from Tls. 465 to Tls. 510.

Many friends of Captain A. E. Hodgins to the Far East will be glad to hear that he returned to Hongkong by the last English mail and will shortly resume command of one of the "Douglas" liners.

The ship *Torrida* was dressed with bunting to-day out of compliment to Miss Noyes, daughter of Captain Noyes of the American barque *Coloma*, the young lady being married to-day to Mr. F. W. Bolles, of the Standard Oil Co.

A SPECIMEN projectile for the new wire guns, manufactured by Firth at Sheffield, was tried at Shoeburyness, and completely penetrated an 18-in. steel-faced compound armour-plate, backed by a 6-in. wrought-iron plate, 8 ft. of solid oak, and about 3 in. of iron.

For an impudent attempt at extortion an Afforestation Department coolie was yesterday fined \$25. A Chinaman had accidentally set some grass on fire in the Chinese cemetery at Pokfulam and the defendant demanded \$1 from him under threat of arresting him.

MR. OSWALD DYKES THOMSON, of London, was yesterday admitted by the Chief Justice (Sir J. W. Carrington) to practice as a solicitor in the Supreme Court. The Attorney-General (Hon. W. M. Goodman) introduced Mr. Thomson, who is in the office of Messrs Deacon and Hastings.

It is reported by a Shanghai native paper that Mr. G. Ward, the French Minister at Peking, is busily engaged with the Tungli Yamen in drawing up regulations of trade for the opening of new ports and settling questions of taxation for Yunnan, Kwangtung and Kwangsi. No details are yet obtainable.—*China Gazette*.

STAMP collectors will regret to hear that the Postmaster-General (London) has caused a letter to be written to a correspondent stating that it is not proposed to issue a special stamp in commemoration of the 60th year of the Queen's reign. What does our local P.M.G. propose to do? Are we to have a commemorative stamp or not?

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

1.—Overture, *Manoeuvres*.....W. G. Emily
2.—*Gay Song*.....O. J. O'Brien
3.—*Selection*.....O. J. O'Brien
4.—*March*.....O. J. O'Brien
5.—*March*.....O. J. O'Brien
6.—*March*.....O. J. O'Brien

MANY of his numerous friends are arranging the presentation to Mr. J. L. Scott of a monument of his able and unselfish services as Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council for a period of nearly four years. The subscription is limited to two dollars, and intending subscribers will, says the *N. C. Daily News*, find a list at the office of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

THE Kyoto University has been busy preparing for its opening in May next. According to the *Japan Times*, the Director-in-Chief will be appointed within a month or two. No death of teachers is anticipated for the second and third year classes, but a lack of proper instructors is feared in the upper classes. But when those young men now studying abroad return, this inconvenience is expected to gradually disappear.

M. BERTILLON, writing to the *Paris Temps*, suggests a new system of taxation. A citizen, he contends, has to contribute to the perpetuity, to the defence, and to the taxation of his country, and if he shirks the first must undergo an extra charge for the other two. M. Bertillon's suggestion is that persons having less than three children should pay an extra tax of 30 per cent. while those having three should be exempt from all taxation.

COLOUR photography is still occupying the minds of experts at home, and the latest process put forward is that of Mr. Benetto, who has invented a method by which no pigments are used nor do his plates have to be washed with various coloured solutions. The inventor looks forward to the revolutionizing of book and magazine illustrations and hopes shortly to show how to flash a picture upon a screen so that a permanent copy may be made.

KWAM-TIM, a trader, was brought up at the Magistracy this morning on remand upon two charges of bringing girls into the colony for immoral purposes. Inspector Stanton conducted the case for the Police and the evidence to-day principally consisted of the narrative of the arrest by the police. Mr. J. Hastings, who appeared for the defence, made a strong appeal on behalf of his client, but Capt. Hastings committed the man for trial at the Criminal Sessions. For a very long time we have not had a Malden Assize here and this month, when expectation was all but realized, this case comes on the Calendar and spoils another "record."

A few days ago we briefly alluded to the fact that a Chinese resident of Hongkong had lost his life at Wuchow-fu. We now learn from the Manager of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, that the victim was Tang Man Hsin, the comprador of that Company. He, with the manager, was living on a houseboat anchored in the river off Wuchow-fu one night, while on the foot part of the boat, his foot slipped and he fell overboard. No sign of him was seen afterwards. Deceased was only 38 years of age, and was well-known in Hongkong business circles. At the time of the accident he is known to have had a gold watch and chain and some hundreds of dollars in his pockets, and he leaves property valued at over \$100,000. At the request of the Japanese Consul, who had been on a visit to the Manager, the Prefect and Magistrate of Wuchow-fu issued a joint proclamation for the recovery of the body of deceased.

BIRTHS.
On 27th March, at Kuala Lumpur, Straits, the wife of A. R. VERNING, of a son.
On the 31st March, at 56, North Soochow Road, Shanghai, the wife of H. KING HILLER, of a daughter.
At No. 3, N. Soochow Road, Shanghai, on the 1st inst., the wife of T. E. COCKER, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.
At All Saints Church, Tientsin, March 24th, by the Rev. Frank L. Norris, M.A., WILLIAM KEMP BRADGATE, of Liverpool, Lancashire, to EDITH NELLIE, eldest daughter of Alexander Chambers, of Wansstead, Essex.

DEATHS.
On the 3rd March, at Hastings, JOHN STOW YOUNG, of 13, Baltham-grove, London, S.W., and formerly of Singapore and Penang, third son of the late George Young, of the Croft, Tain, Ross-shire, to his 57th year.
At Shanghai, on the 2nd inst., WILLIAM HENRY SHORT, aged 54 years.

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TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

LONDON, April 4th

Oxford won by two lengths after leading all the way.

THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

Oxford won five and Cambridge four events.

HOCKEY.

Scotland beat England by two goals to one.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

Russia sends a battery of Artillery to Crete.

The Embassies at Constantinople have agreed upon the principles of the autonomy of Crete and have wired the same to their respective Governments.

(From *Reuter's Chronicle*).

UNITED STATES TARIFF PROPOSALS.

TOKIO, March 26th.

Of the Tariff Bills applicable to the importation of woven goods which are to come before the United States Congress, the most important to Japan is one which proposes to impose a specific duty on light (*Barum*) *habutai* at the rate of \$4 gold per pound.

The Bill has some opponents, and it is believed that Congress will decide against the proposal. The increase of the present duty, it is thought, will not exceed 15 or 20 per cent.

TOKIO, March 26th.

An official dispatch received by the Government yesterday gives the rates of import duty on Japanese goods proposed in the Tariff Bill introduced to the United States House of Representatives as follows:—

- 1.—\$4 per pound on *habutai* and other silk goods, which weigh under one ounce per yard.
 - 2.—Six cents per yard, or 35 per cent *ad valorem*, on rugs which cost less than 50 cents per yard.
 - 3.—Twelve cents per yard, or 38 to 40 per cent *ad valorem*, on rugs, which cost more than 50 cents per yard.
 - 4.—Eight cents per yard on matting which costs less than 10 cents per yard.
 - 5.—Eight cents per yard, or 35 per cent *ad valorem*, on rugs which cost more than 10 cents per yard.
 - 6.—The Bill proposes a largely increased duty on silk goods, as compared with the rates now in force, especially on light silk goods and hankies.
- The duty on matting shows a large increase. Substantial increases are proposed in the duty on goods imported from Europe, and it is therefore evident that the Bill does not specially discriminate against Japanese goods.

SIR CLAUDE MACDONALD.

We have excellent authority for stating that Sir Claude MacDonald, H.M.'s Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary at Peking, will probably arrive here the day after to-morrow, or on Friday at latest, by H.M.S. *Narcissus*.

THE FIGHT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP SHIP OF THE WORLD.

(Indian Press Message via Ceylon).

NEW YORK, March 17th.
In a match for the border championship ship which came off at Carson, in Nevada, Fitzsimmons best Corbett after fourteen rounds of fierce fighting.

IMPORTANT TO MANUFACTURERS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, April 2nd.

News of importance to the various manufacturing industries springing up in Shanghai was received in Shanghai yesterday. It was stated that an Imperial edict had been issued decreeing that the products of the mills are to pay the ordinary import duty, free from any further inland taxation, as in the case of similar imported goods.—*N. C. Daily News*.

FURNINGS.

The Secretary of the Panyon Mining Company informs us that he has received the following telegram from the mine, giving the result of the March cyanide clean-up:—

"The Cyanide plant worked 28 days treating 740 tons of tailings yielding 29 oz. of bullion of an average assay value 15/9 per ounce."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The ship *Mutuluk*, from New York, arrived at Shanghai on All Fools' Day, close on 300 days out.

The Torpedo Destroyer *Whiting*, built at Jarrow, averaged a speed of 34 knots on a recent three hours trial off the Tyne.

Sir Lionel Cox, Chief Justice, Straits Settlements, left Singapore on the 31st ultimo for Europe on 15 months' leave of absence.

CAPTAIN COCKER, Deputy Commissioner, who has been transferred from Shanghai to Canton, arrived here from the north per *Rossini* to-day.

THE *Shanghai* (N.Y.T.), otherwise Mr. T. V. Twining, is at Shanghai with Mr. Sydney H. Morse giving concerts of a high order.

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1897. [58]

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THOS. P. HUDSON.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1897. [58a]

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NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of April, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing a resolution to INCREASE the CAPITAL of the COMPANY by such a Sum not exceeding EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS as the Meeting may determine by the creation of New Shares of the face value of FOUR DOLLARS each, to be issued at such times upon such terms and conditions and with such preferential or qualified rights and privileges annexed thereto as such Meeting shall direct and if no direction be given as the Directors shall subsequently determine. Should a resolution within the above terms be passed by the required majority such resolution will be submitted for confirmation, as a Special Resolution, to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened and of which due notice will be given.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES B. DUNCAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1897. [58b]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "PATHAN," FROM LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1897. [516]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG"
Captain C. B. N. Dodd, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1897. [579]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE"
Captain Davies, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1897. [541]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"PATHAN"
Captain Day, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 7th April.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1897. [510]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG"
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 8th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1897. [530]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CELEU.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN"
Captain Pearce, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 8th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1897. [505]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES.

THE Company's Steamship

"EUPLECTELA"
Captain Morris, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 8th instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1897. [570]

"NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA."

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU"
Captain P. H. Goring, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 10th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1897. [573]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"OOLONG"
R. Conradi, Commander, will be despatched as above on the 12th instant, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight, &c., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1897. [509]

"NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA."

HONGKONG-VLADIVOSTOCK LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR VLADIVOSTOCK.

VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN AND GEMSAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"SAKATA MARU"
Captain Welbach, having been substituted for the *Tokoro Maru* advertised previously to sail on the 9th instant, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 14th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1897. [495]

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

"FALLS OF DEE"
Loth, Master, shortly expected, will lead her for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

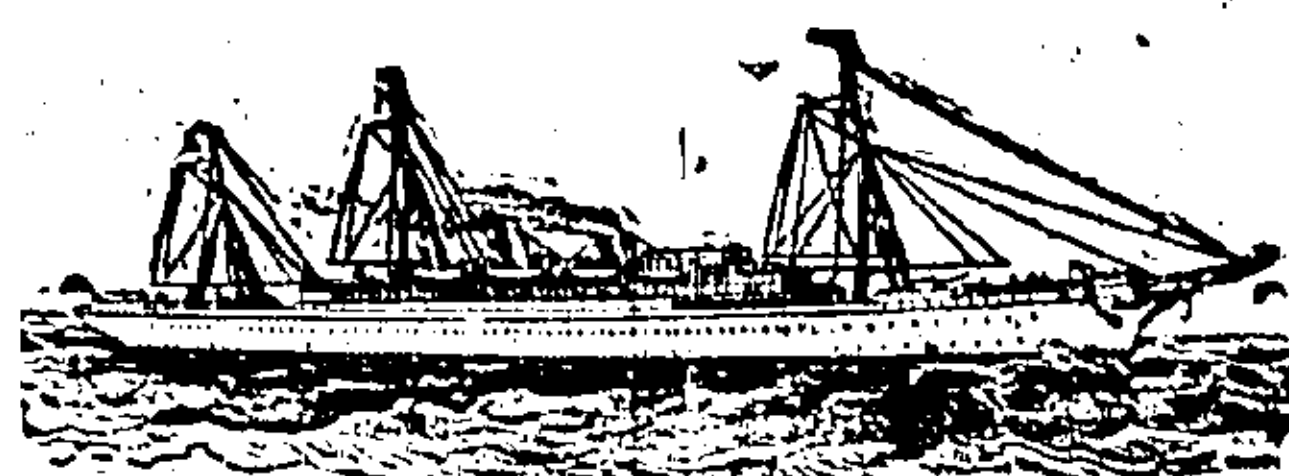
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
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Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [544]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 7th April.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 28th April.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 19th May.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 14 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PACIFIC TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 5, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

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The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pender's Street. [5]

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belgia (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Tuesday, 22nd April, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.
Galle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 29th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"BELGIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 22nd April, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1897. [5]

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1897. [59]

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 21st May, at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Thursday, 20th May, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 13th April, 1897, at Noon.

taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destinations the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America; by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [5]

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W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,

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Hongkong, 24th March, 1897. [58]

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(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"ROSETTA"
Captain F. N. Tiltard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from the BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 8th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *Oceana* leaving that Port on the 1st May for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1897. [5]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES:

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

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Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

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HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.

Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Olympia..... [2,568] Tuesday... [April 13].

Patoka..... [2,709] Tuesday... [May 4].

Tacoma..... [2,549] Tuesday... [May 25].

Victoria..... [3,167] Tuesday... [June 15].

Olympia..... [2,568] Tuesday... [July 6].

S.S. [2,709] Tuesday... [July 27].

THE Steamship

"OLYMPIA"
Captain J. Trubridge, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 13th April, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must*